



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable mini-vacation and is ready to finish out the year strong!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with painting sets and props for *Bye Bye Birdie* and to those who helped with "breakfast" for the FCAT-takers last week.

Monday and Tuesday the 3rd and 4th graders will be taking the Math FCAT in the morning. Fifth graders will take the Science FCAT at the same time. Then the 6th and 7th graders will take the Reading FCAT on the computer Tuesday and Wednesday. Only 5th and 8th graders are scheduled to test the last week (April 28 & 29). So far we have only two students who need to do make-up sessions. Thank you to the parents who had all of the students here on time last week!

Tuesday the kindergarten, first, and second grade classes will be on a field trip in the morning to see "Bears." Then the middle schoolers will go on a field trip Friday morning to see "The Sound of Music" presented by Sarasota High School theater students. Please return your permission slips if you haven't done so. Thursday, April 24, is "Take Your Son or Daughter to Work" Day. You were sent a letter from Superintendent of Schools Lori White regarding this. If you choose to participate, the student must bring the form on Friday signed by your supervisor in order to have an excused absence. Students will be expected to share what they observed with their classmates on Friday or the following Monday.

We are starting to plan for next year with some changes in the works, mostly at the middle school level. At the middle school level, we will be adding intensive math as well as advanced standing classes for students who qualify. We are also discussing extra enrichment classes for the middle school. A new elementary math series and a new middle school language arts program will be adopted. Look for a letter soon detailing these plans.

Mrs. McHugh has been sending home letters regarding the upcoming production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Please read them carefully so you know the dates and times of performances as well as how to order tickets and what costume pieces you need to provide. The information is also being emailed to you. Call the office (377-2278) if you need general information or Mrs. McHugh (371-4979) directly for specific information regarding your child's participation.

Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Dates:

- April 22nd - K-2nd Grade Field Trip to "Bears"
- April 22nd: Painting Props at school (5:30pm - 9:00pm)
- April 25th - Honor Roll Ice Cream Social (We need LOTS of help - see the sign up link)
- April 30th - Van Wezel Field Trip
- May 1st - 8:00am SAA Board Meeting
- May 1st - 6:00pm PTO Meeting & 2014 - 2015 Committee Sign Ups
- May 2nd - SPIRIT DAY
- May 5th & 6th - Bye Bye Birdie Rehearsals

Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities, including the upcoming FCAT activities. We need help Tuesday & Wednesday of this week for FCAT!

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/jgjnqw>



Honor Roll Ice Cream Social!

On Friday, April 25th, we will have the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social.

We have 15 time slots available for volunteers, but we also have a TON of items needed such as ice cream (regular & vegan), bowls, spoons, sprinkles, M&Ms, cherries, whipped cream, cut up strawberries and lots more. Please check the list and if are able to donate or volunteer your time, please sign up <http://vols.pt/bFXUZa>

If you sign up to donate an item, please make sure we have it in the office THE DAY BEFORE (by April 24th) so that we can plan accordingly. *You will also get one hour of volunteer time for donating items for the ice cream social.*

Volunteers are needed from 1:00pm-4:00pm and must be PALS approved prior to volunteering. Here is the volunteer schedule for the afternoon, and classes will be staggered in 30 minute increments.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

3rd - 5th Grade: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

6th - 8th Grade: 3:00pm - 4:00pm



This is a great way to fulfill some of your required volunteer time for the year while celebrating our honor roll students. Thank you for all your support!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Painting Props on Tuesday evening (April 22) at SAA: <http://vols.pt/D3iEj7>

Moving Props & Sets: We need a bunch of men with trucks to move props to SMA on Sunday afternoon. We also need others to help move lighter things. We will also need help getting everything back to SAA at the end of the last show (May 9th)
<http://vols.pt/iqhxV9>

Ushers: Could you help take tickets and help people to their seats during the shows?
<http://vols.pt/bjTDvX>

Playbill: Julie McHugh needs help putting the playbill together. Does anyone have any experience and could help us out? Please reach out to her directly. <http://vols.pt/XzRNCZ>